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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, CM

SUBJECT: PETROLEUM: SANTA FE SHUTS DOWN, MOBIL SITTING ON FENCE

REF: A) YAOUNDE'S A-41, B) DOUALA S A-4

1. AS INDICATED REPAIRS TWO U.S. COMPANIES DRILLING CAMEROONS HAVE EXPERIENCED NUMBER OF DIFFICULTIES IN DRILLING PROGRAMS WHICH HAS CAUSED THEM CONSIDER SHUT DOWN FOR ALMOST TWO MONTHS.

2. E.H. FORD, DRILLING MANAGER SANTA FE MINERALS, STATED DRILLING HAS CEASED AND PLUGS WERE BEING PUT INTO THEIR MISSELELE WELL STARTING 0200 GMT 30 MAY. SANTA FE, AFTER DRILLING ALMOST 10,800 FEET, HAS CONCLUDED THERE IS NO POINT IN GOING FURTHER. THE RIG WILL BE MOVED TO SENEGAL FOR A ONE YEAR'S DRILLING PROGRAM FOR SHELL WILL COMMENCE O/A NOVEMBER 1, 1975.

3. C.E. PEPPER, DRILLING SUPERINTENDENT FOR MOBIL, STATED MOBIL IS CURRENTLY LOGGING AT 10,720 FEET. HE WILL DISCUSS MATTER WITH DALLAS AND DECISION MAY BE TAKEN SHORTLY TO ABANDON WELL.

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THIS WILL CONCLUDE MOBIL S CURRENT DRILLING PROGRAM AND STORM

DRILLING PLATFORM WILL BE TOWED GABON FOR WORK UNDER CONTRACT
ELF-SEREPKA.

4. ELF-SEREPKA CONTINUING THEIR CAMEROONIAN PROGRAM WITH ANOTHER
STORM PLATFORM (REF A-NOTAL).
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